

SUBCHAPTER C—EXPORT PROGRAMS

PART 1485—COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

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Subpart A—[Reserved]

Subpart B—Market Access Program

§ 1485.10 General purpose and scope.

(a) This subpart sets forth the policies underlying the Commodity Credit Corporation's (CCC) operation of the Market Access Program (MAP), and a subcomponent of that program, the Export Incentive Program/Market Access Program (EIP/MAP). It also establishes the general terms and conditions applicable to MAP and EIP/MAP agreements.

(b) Under the MAP, CCC enters into agreements with nonprofit trade orga-

nizations to share the costs of certain overseas marketing and promotion activities that are intended to develop, maintain or expand commercial export markets for U.S. agricultural commodities and products. MAP participants may receive assistance for either generic or brand promotion activities. EIP/MAP participants are U.S. commercial entities that receive assistance for brand promotion activities.

(c) The MAP and EIP/MAP generally operate on a reimbursement basis, and CCC may, at its option, provide such reimbursement either in cash or in CCC commodity certificates.

(d) CCC's policy is to ensure that benefits generated by MAP and EIP/MAP agreements are broadly available throughout the relevant agricultural sector and no one entity gains an undue advantage. The MAP and EIP/MAP are administered by personnel of the Foreign Agricultural Service.

§ 1485.11 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart the following definitions apply:

(a) *Activity*—a specific market development effort undertaken by a participant.

(b) *Activity plan*—a document which details a participant's proposed activities and budget. ("Activity Plan" is used in lieu of the term "Marketing Plan" to avoid administrative confusion with plans submitted under the Cooperator Foreign Market Development Program.)

(c) *Administrator*—the Administrator, FAS, USDA, or designee.

(d) *Agricultural commodity*—an agricultural commodity, food, feed, fiber, wood, livestock or insect, and any product thereof; and fish harvested from a U.S. aquaculture farm, or harvested by a vessel as defined in title 46, United States Code, in waters that are not waters (including the territorial sea) of a foreign country.

(e) *APAR*—activity plan amendment request.

(f) *Attache/Counselor*—the FAS employee representing USDA interests in the foreign country in which promotional activities are conducted.